

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Child and Family Services Agency

CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT ADMINISTRATION

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR
A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT**

CONTRACT NO.: DCRL-2021-C-0052

CAPTION: Congregate Foster Care Services

PROPOSED CONTRACTOR: Brighter Days

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION:

D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1700, 1701

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA), has the following immediate need:

The District of Columbia, Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) has a need to provide foster care for a single youth (ST) with the contractor listed above, in order to assist CFSA in maintaining its compliance with the LaShawn A. v. Bowser Implementation Plan.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

NTE \$162,348.90

4. FACTORS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

- (a) The Child and Family Services Agency, as part of the ongoing *LaShawn A v. Bowser* federal litigation, is required to provide services that will enable CFSA youth to successfully transition out of the child welfare system.
- (b) The youth (S.T.) is currently housed at Brighter Days (Therapeutic Group Home). The aforementioned provider have successfully transitioned a number youth with the same type of behaviors as S.T. Brighter Days staff is experienced and trained working with youth with a history such as S.T., and enlists the mental health services (both therapy and psychiatric) from the community providers – who are also trained and experienced in working with youth like S.T.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

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I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Brenda Donald
Director

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304 and that no response was received. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive bidding process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practice Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code §2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

Tara Sigamoni
Agency Chief Contracting Officer